

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

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PROPOSAL FROM SASOL FOR CONVERSION OF COAL INTO OIL

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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal from South African Petrochemical Company `SASOL` for forwarding the techniques of converting coal into oil;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the decision taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS & MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) : The proposal was discussed in an Inter-Ministerial Group and the report of the Inter-Ministerial Group indicated that because of many factors the proposal in its present form is not supportable.